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MEMORANDUM FOR: Fredrick P. Hitz  
Legislative Counsel

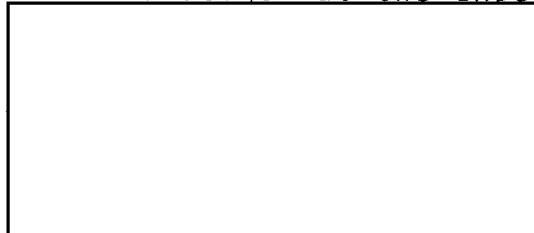
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Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT: Transmitting NITs to SSCI and HPSCI  
Chairmen (U)

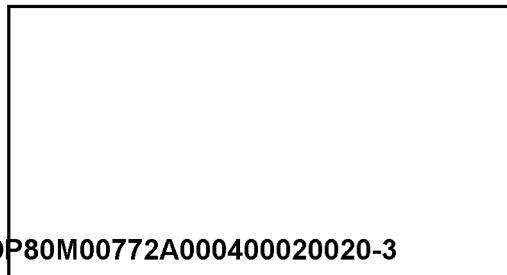
25X1 1.  Until we know more about how the NITs are going to be applied, I believe the DCI should at this time limit himself to sending the chairmen a copy and be prepared to respond to questions. I am attaching a revised copy of the memorandum to the DCI and the letter to the chairmen to reflect my views.

25X1 2.  I have added a sentence to cover the impact of the NITs on resource management. The product evaluation process is but one application of the NITs. It should not be singled out,--especially at this stage--at the expense of the others.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: Office of Legislative Counsel  
SUBJECT:

1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached letters forwarding copies of the NITs to Chairmen Bayh and Boland.

2. Background: We presently have one outstanding request--from HPSCI Staff--for a copy of the NITs. With wide dissemination within the Intelligence Community now accomplished, other requests seem sure to follow. It would be appropriate to take the initiative with the Select Committees and to offer them some background on how you intend to use the NITs. Requests from other committees will be met on an "if asked" basis.

3. How we will or should respond to Committee requests for access to the periodic product evaluations could be a sensitive issue. Raising the subject in the attached letters could make such requests likely. We recommend that

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you not mention product evaluation in the letter, but be prepared to furnish the annual assessments, as requested, anticipating the Committees will become aware of them. We do not believe you should set the precedent of providing the four-monthly reports to the Committees.

4. Staff Position: NFAC, RM, and NITC approve of this approach.

5. Recommendation: That you sign the attached letters to Chairman Bayh and Boland.

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HEADING

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

I am forwarding for your information, two copies of the National Intelligence Topics. The subjects and the priorities assigned to each were recently approved by the Policy Review Committee (Intelligence).

I view this document as an important statement by our principal consumers on where the effort of the Intelligence Community should be directed. As such, the more detailed guidance to collectors--for instance that embodied in DCID 1/2--will be derived from the National Intelligence Topics. Analytic elements will use them to determine and coordinate production programs. Obviously, the allocation of resources must be designed to satisfy the needs of the principal consumers.

Although this list reflects the strongest interests of the PRC (I), it in no way covers the total intelligence production effort. Research and analysis on a wide range of subjects must continue in order to serve the whole

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foreign policy and defense community. Furthermore, intelligence must study today subjects that may become problems for foreign policymakers at a future time. The NITs do not take account of these important requirements, though they are acknowledged as valid by all PRC (I) members.

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